



St Michael's Parish, Nowra – Tel: 4423 1712 E-mail: office@nowraparish.org.au

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The 3rd Sunday of Advent (Yr C)
17 December 2006

Sunday Masses:

Nowra: Vigil 6.00pm, 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Berry: 8.00am **Bomaderry:** 9.30am
Culburra:Vigil 6.00pm
Vincentia:Vigil 6pm & 9.30am
Kangaroo Valley: 11.00am

Masses during the week

Nowra: Mon 7.00am, Tues / Wed / Thurs 8.15am,
Fri 7am & 11.30am, Sat 9.00am.
Rosary: Tues.10am, **Morning Prayer:** Wed 7.50am
Holy Hour: Friday 10.30am
Berry: Tues. 5.30.p.m
Culburra: Thurs. 5.30.p.m.
Bomaderry: *First Friday only* 5.45pm
Vincentia: Mon Thurs & Fri 8am; Tues & Wed 5.30pm,
Kangaroo Valley: Mon/Tues/Thurs & Sat 11am.
Wed. 6.20am (Divine Office 10.45am).
Shoalhaven Heads (C'mty Centre): No Friday
afternoon Masses until 1st Friday of February.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession):**

Nowra: Sat 23rd : 11. – 12.30; 4.30 – 5.30pm
Culburra: Sat 5.30pm
Berry: Friday 22nd. 7.00 -8.00pm
Vincentia: **Sat 23 Dec** – 11.00 – 12noon
& 4.30 – 5.30pm **K/Valley:** Sat 4.30pm
Please note the extended time for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation at the weekend.

School age children wishing to participate as angels or shepherds (no tinsel/wings) in the Gospel narration at the Christmas Vigil Mass at St Michael's at 7pm are asked to attend a practice in the Hall on Wed. 20th at 9.30am (Parents/guardian **MUST** stay with the children).



ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED – for a young lady beginning teacher training at Shoalhaven Campus (W'gong Uni). Please contact Fr Leo for details 4441 5571.

THE NEW PARISH CENTRE has been completed and the parish office has finally moved in. Parishioners are invited after each Mass to visit the centre **this** weekend for a tour of inspection and a cup of tea.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER is now available at all Mass centres this weekend. Lots of interesting Christmas reading. Please take a copy home.

The Christmas Newsletter carries the full Mass - timetable for the Christmas and Holiday Season.

There will be Mid-Night Mass at St. Michael's. If you can enhance the singing at the Mid-Night Mass your support would be much appreciated.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Dec 18 – Christmas BBQ & Trivia night – Celebrate Christmas with fun, food & prizes.
o 6.00pm at Jody's. Call Jody for details.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS COORDINATOR –

Christy Honeysett will be holding a Christmas party/meeting on Fri 15 Dec at the Diocesan Offices, 86 Market St., W'gong for those in youth & young adult groups of the diocese to meet and plan for the year ahead in the Diocese. Contact details for Christy - ph: 4253 0809.

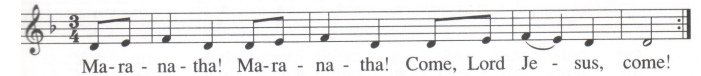
DIOCESAN RESOURCE CENTRE – BELLAMBI –

Parishioners & Catechists are advised that the Religious Education Resource Centre at Bond St., Bellambi will close from Fri 22 Dec & reopen Mon 22 Jan. All loans may be returned to reception on the ground floor of Catholic Church building, Market St, W'gong from Tues 2 January 8am – 5pm weekdays

DR CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN a well known surgeon from Sydney who also visits the S/haven is seriously ill and has asked to be remembered in our prayers. Please continue to remember Dr Chris and his family in your prayers.

Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 1.00pm for **Viki Shields** formerly of Currarong, at St Michael's. Viki was a member of the teaching Staff of St Michael's in the 1970s.

DURING ADVENT the following refrain will be sung during the lighting of the Advent Candle.



COME LORD JESUS – to be sung during Advent

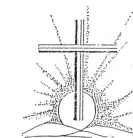
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts

Come O Prince of Peace, Come O Prince of Peace, Come O Prince of Peace, Come and be born in our hearts.

Our Hearts are open, Our hearts are open, Our hearts are open, Come and be born in our hearts.

Come Emmanuel, Come Emmanuel, Come Emanuel, Come and be born in our hearts.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA is this year offering gifts that will inspire and inform whilst also supporting your Global Family around the world. A gift to Global Family will support vital Caritas Australia water, food security or health programs. You will receive a card that you can give to your loved ones which will include a message about how their present is supporting marginalised communities around the world. To make a donation please go to www.caritas.org.au or call on 1800 024 413



We prayerfully remember, **Vicki Shields** (formerly Currarong) **Patrick Allen** and **Glenn Hughes** who died this week. Also **John Lenehan, John and Pia Burden, and Beryl and Mary Loadsman** whose anniversaries occur.

Thank you to Harry Ray (Gardchek) for cleaning the carpet at St Michael's in preparation for Christmas. A very much appreciated Christmas gift.



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WERE YOU A MEMBER OF REVESBY CYO? If so please join us on Sat 28 April 2007 at 6.00pm Mass at St Luke's Revesby as we celebrate 50 years, followed by dinner (details to be advised). Contact Jan Boon (Carolan) on 9579 3371 or janboon@bigpond.net.au